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To the UNIVERSAL SPECTATOR.

Mr. STONECASTLE,

Have obſerv'd that you have not had any Literary Letters or Eſſays in your Paper for a conſiderable Time; this therefore may give a little Variety to your Speculations. I am lately come from *Cambridge* to the *Temple*, not with any Deſign to ſtudy more Law than is neceſſary for me to manage my Eſtate; I am not therefore always poring over *Coke* upon *Littleton*, but more generally amuſing myſelf with the *Belles Lettres*, and ingenuouſly confeſs, I am oftener at the Theatres in an Evening, than at the Courts at *Weſtminſter* in a Morning. From having ſeen many Plays, and read more, I have had an Inclination to write one myſelf; I know you will ſay this is too adventrous an Undertaking; but I have ſufficiently calculated all Difficulties, and have not therefore ventur'd to truſt intirely to my own Conduct and Judgment, nor yet have I plunder'd ſome good old *Engliſh* Author of his Scenes; I have only taken the Liberty to build on the Writings of the Antients, a Liberty our beſt Authors make uſe of. My Piece is a Comedy, but of ſo ſerious a Caſt of Characters, I am afraid, our modern Criticks may call it a *Miſ-nomer*, and ſay that I ſhould, in general Terms, have call'd it a *Play*. However, the merry *Plautus* is my Author, who, in one of his Comedies, has been remarkably grave. The Story is affecting, the Sentiments elevated, and ſuch a Nobleneſs of Spirit runs through the Whole, that ſome Criticks have preferred it to all the others he wrote.—— As the Story is engaging I will tranſcribe it for your Readers, and not confine my Letter to my own Purpoſes.

The whole Fable of *Plautus*'s Comedy of the *Captivi*, or *Captives*, is of a ſerious Turn, and has ſomething in it wonderfully amuſing. *Hegio* had two Sons, and had been depriv'd of them both; the firſt was ſtolen away when an Infant, by a perfidious Servant, who had ſold him, but the Father did not know where; the other, whoſe Name was *Philopolemus*, was many Years after taken in the Wars, and carried to *Elis*. *Hegio* lays out great Sums of Money in purchaſing ſeveral Captives, taken by his Countrymen from the People of *Elis*, in hopes he might meet with ſome one of Condition who might be a Ranſom for his Son. Among others he buys a Maſter and his Servant; the firſt nam'd *Philocrates*, the other *Tyndarus*. *Philocrates* was Son to a conſiderable Citizen of *Elis*; and to favour his obtaining his Liberty, the Maſter and Servant agree, on this Occaſion, to exchange their Names. The Quality and Wealth of *Philocrates* are therefore own'd to *Hegio*, but the true Perſon conceal'd; and *Tyndarus*, who repreſents him, prevails with the old Man to ſend the other, who he pretends is his Servant, to *Elis*, to procure the Exchange of his Son *Philopolemus*; and at the ſame Time agrees to ſtipulate a Price, if the Meſſenger ſhould not return: *Hegio* agrees to the Propoſal, and *Philocrates*, by this means, obtains his Liberty.

The Gratitude of a Servant to an indulgent Maſter, with whom he had long liv'd in great mutual Kindneſs, is wrought up in this Scene with the moſt beautiful Elegance. *Hegio* himſelf hearing the two Captives ſpeak to one another with ſo much Affection in their common Calamity, breaks out into theſe Expreſſions: ——*Good Gods! What generous Minds have theſe Men! I cannot hearken to them without Tears.*——At their parting *Tyndarus* (the Servant) begs *Philocrates* not to forget him when he was gone, but to remember that his Life ſtood engaged for him, and that he muſt expect to be put to Death if he deſerted him, or the Negotiation prov'd unſucceſsful.

Philocrates is no ſooner gone than *Ariſtophontes*, another Captive of *Elis*, whom *Hegio* had formerly bought, and was a Kinſman of *Philocrates*, being brought to *Tyndarus*, to ſee if he knew him, diſcovers the Impoſture. *Hegio* thinking himſelf abus'd and cheated, ſends *Tyndarus*, among his other Slaves, to hard Labour, and to ſuffer Chaſtiſement. The Poet, on this Occaſion, gives *Tyndarus* very noble Sentiments; he comforts himſelf in the Thought that the Memory of his Gratitude to his Maſter will be perpetuated hereafter, and that whatever may be his Lot——

He does not die who gives up his Life for VIRTUE.

The Slave who had diſcover'd him, when he ſees on what Principles *Tyndarus* had acted, he is touch'd, and cries out, He is glad *Philocrates* is at Liberty, but ſorry his Words had brought Puniſhment on the Man who had freed him.

In the Concluſion, *Philocrates* returns, and brings with him *Hegio*'s Son, *Philopolemus*, and likewiſe that falſe Servant who had formerly robb'd him. By means of the latter *Tyndarus*, who had been repreſented by the Poet with ſo liberal a Mind, is diſcover'd to be that Son of *Hegio*, whom he had loſt when a Child, and whoſe true Name was *Pagnium*; who being ſold at that Time to *Philocrates*, was, by him, beſtow'd on his Son, and bred with him from his Infancy. This happy Diſcovery concludes the Play.

In all this Story there is nothing but what is Affecting, Grave and Noble; nothing to excite a fooliſh Laugh, or vulgar Applauſe: Would not, Mr. *Stonecaſtle*, a Comedy of this elegant Kind be receiv'd better than the Farcical *Olla Podrida*'s we have lately had for our Entertainment?——To have your Sentiments occaſion'd this Letter; an Anſwer to which would really oblige,

Your humble Servant,

George's, Temple-Bar. DRAMATICUS.

I muſt allow that this Comedy of *Plautus* fully anſwers the Deſcription *Dramaticus* has given of it: But the pure Simplicity of the *Gracian Poets*, from one of whom the *Latin* tranſlated it, would not, I am afraid, be approv'd of on our Stage. The *Engliſh* love *Humour*, as they are almoſt all Humoriſts themſelves; and they had rather meet with fine Sentiments in their Studies than in the Theatres; I mean in Comedies. Whenever the Scenes in our Comedies riſe into an Elegance, which affects the nobler Paſſions, the *Poet* has other Scenes and Characters to relieve the Audience by more comic Draughts of Mirth and Spirit. The Comedies, the moſt diſtinguiſh'd of this Kind, are the *Conſcious Lovers*, *Grief Alamode*, in ſhort, all Sir *Richard Steele*'s, and the *Provok'd Huſband* of *Cibber*. But in all theſe there is a *Group* of *Humourous Characters* to form a Variety neceſſary for the *Engliſh* Stage.——Beſides, a Play without *Love* and *Women* would ſeem too ſtrange a Thing for the *Pit* and *Boxes* to excuſe, for all the *critical Authority* that could be quoted.——I know not what other Anſwer to give *Dramaticus*; but if he purſues his Scheme, theſe Obſervations may be of Service to him.

I ſhall take this Opportunity of anſwering the Requeſts of two other poetical Correſpondents.

The COMPARISON.

A PASTORAL CANTATA.

Recitative.

WHEN the beauteous Queen of Night,
Shone with Luſtre calm and bright,
Strephon coming from the Fold,
In tuneful Strains his Love thus told.

Air.

While the Queen of Night is ſhining,
She the Charms of *Phillis* wears;
She, my ſecret Joys divining,
Pleas'd, my Tale of *Phillis* hears:
Smiling, lo! ſhe glides along,
While of *Phillis* is my Song:
Pleas'd, my Tale of *Phillis* hears;
She the Charms of *Phillis* wears.

Recitative.

Ah! ſimple Swain!
Change, change thy Strain,
Nor thus compare
Phillis to *Her*.
Behold! th' inconſtant Goddeſs of the Night,
Behind a Cloud retires from Sight;
Does ſhe, pleas'd, of *Phillis* hear?
Or the Charms of *Phillis* wear?
Simple, ſimple, ſimple Swain!
Change thy Song, and ſing again.

Air.

Though the *Moon* is falſely ſmiling,
Like her may not *Phillis* prove,
Nor my Hopes and Joys beguiling,
Be inconſtant in her Love:
Nor ſhall *Phillis* ever hear
I compar'd the *Moon to Her*.

VERSES

Written in a young Lady's Window.

ENVY, if you here ſhould paſs,
And peep low'ring through this Glaſs;
To thy Sorrow thou ſhalt ſee
All that's *beauteous*, *gay* and *free*;
Honour, *Senſe*, and every *Grace*,
Clos'd within this little Place.
When you've ſeen this happy Sight,
Take——for ever take thy Flight.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Vienna, March 3. By the laſt Letters the Court receiv'd from M. Penckler, our Reſident at Conſtantinople, we find that the Porte has no Inclination to diſturb her Majeſty in Hungary.

The Great Duke of Tuſcany is ſtill in this City.

According to the Advices brought by ſeveral Couriers from Moravia, the Auſtrian Troops are retiring from that Province towards Bohemia and the Lower Auſtria, none being left in it but the Garriſons of Brinn and Spielberg. Ninety Huſſars of the ſaid Garriſons attack'd, on the 24th of laſt Month, a Convoy deſtin'd for the Pruſſian Army, kill'd 15 of the Eſcorte, took 49 Priſoners, and carried off 370 Waggons laden with Wine and Corn. The King of Pruſſia has advanc'd from Znaim to Nicolaſbourg on the Frontiers of the Lower Auſtria, where he is aſſembling the Army in order to penetrate into this Province. The Pruſſian Huſſars and Ulans begin already to make Incurſions into it; upon which a Detachment of Palfy's, Bareith's, and Eſterhaſi's Regiments, has been ſent over the Danube to repel the Enemy's Parties. At the ſame time the Queen preſſed the Hungarians to execute their intended Irruption in Sileſia by the Paſs of Jablunca.

Milan, Feb. 28. Laſt Sunday Count Thaun our Governor gave a grand Entertainment to certain Officers in the Service of the King of Sardinia, on account of his Majeſty's having declar'd that he was bound by Treaty to defend the Dominions of the Queen of Hungary, and that he was determin'd to perform his Engagements againſt any Power that ſhould attempt to diſmember any Part of her Italian Territories.

Hague, March 14. We are aſſur'd that a Reſolution has been taken to ſend nine Men of War into the Baltick, viz. ſix of 40 Guns and three of 20, in order to convoy our Merchantmen, and protect Trade there. Three of theſe Ships are to go to Dantzick and Pilau, three to Riga, and as many to Peterſbourg.

Their High Mightineſſes have writ a congratulatory Letter to the new Emperor, on his Acceſſion to the Imperial Dignity; but this is of no Conſequence at all; for as ſoon as the Germanick Body may think fit to chuſe another Emperor, the States General will only have the Trouble of writing another congratulatory Letter. It is obſerv'd that their High Mightineſſes *ſalute* the Elector of Bavaria as Emperor of the Romans, but we don't find the Word *acknowledge* in the whole Letter.

Bruſſels, March 12. A Report is ſpread that a Body of Engliſh Troops is to be ſent over to theſe Provinces, and it is even pretended that the Government has already iſſued Orders to prepare every Thing for their Reception.

Extract of a private Letter from Leghorn, Feb. 17.

'We have had for ſome time paſt very fine Weather, 'and were beginning to take the beſt Meaſures we 'could for re-building our Houſes, but are at preſent 'much diſpirited, on account of two Shocks which 'happen'd Yeſterday and To-day. They were indeed 'but ſlight, and, as far as I have Information, did very 'little if any Miſchief; but then they prove that the 'Earth has not regain'd its Stability, with which we 'flatter'd ourſelves; and therefore our Project of re-'building is at a Stand.

From the Paris A-la-main, March 14.

Hague, March 3. The Death of Count Sintzendorff, Great Chancellor and Prime Miniſter to the Queen of Hungary, and the Fall of Sir R—— W——, may be look'd upon as two Events from which that Princeſs may reap great Advantages. All the World had been long perſuaded of the ſecret good Harmony which ſubſiſted between thoſe two Miniſters and the Prime Miniſter of France, whoſe Syſtem, we are aſſur'd, is not a little embroiled, and this is confirm'd in ſome Letters from Paris. [Here we ſee France acting the Part of the *Father of Lyes*. She tempts and ſeduces; and then, like the grand Enemy of Mankind, turns Accuſer.] If the Queen of Hungary knows how to improve the Advantages ſhe has gain'd over the Allies, we flatter ourſelves that ſhe may find ſome Prince in the Empire *that will act a juſt Part, and take Care to ſee Treaties duly executed.* All Bavaria is conquer'd, except Ingolſtadt, which cannot hold out long.—This is very ſtrange Language for a French News-Writer to uſe.

The Marſhal de Belle-Iſle had form'd a Plan to march the Army of the Allies directly to Vienna, in hopes that the three Auſtrian Armies, under the Command of Prince Charles of Lorrain, Count Kevenhuller, and the Prince of Saxe-Hildbourghauſen, would immediately abandon Bavaria and Bohemia, and fly to the Relief of Vienna: The King of Pruſſia had even charg'd himſelf with the Execution of this fine Project. But Things have taken a Turn very different from what we imagin'd. The Queen of Hungary has a fourth Army, (compoſed of Part of the Nobleſſe of that Kingdom, and the old Regiments left on the Frontiers of Turky) which has already reach'd the Frontiers of Sileſia.

IRELAND.

Dublin, March 2. We have an Account by the laſt Letters from Jamaica of the Death of Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Harman, who died there the 9th of laſt November: He went thither (with the Troops under the Command of Lord Catheart) a Captain in General Wentworth's Regiment, and Major of Brigade to the ſaid General, and was afterwards, for his Bravery, promoted by the General to the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

By Yeſterday's Poſt we have the melancholy Account that the Dorſet of Dublin, Capt. George Barton, bound from Jamaica to Dublin, was lately loſt in Caſtlehaven Bay: She was put in there ſome time ago, and after being moor'd, there came on a violent hard Gale of Wind, which made her part from her Cables, and ſhe was driven on a Rock, againſt which ſhe beat herſelf to Pieces; all the Crew, except the Captain, Mate, and a Boy, periſh'd.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, March 1. Friday laſt died at his Seat of Hoptounhouſe, the Right Hon. Charles Earl of Hoptoun, Knight of the moſt noble and ancient Order of the Thiſtle, and one of the Sixteen Peers for Scotland, in the 61ſt Year of his Age: He is ſucceeded in his Honours and Eſtate, by his eldeſt Son John Lord Hope.

We hear the Marqueſs of Tweedale, Secretary of State for Scotland, will be choſen one of the Sixteen Peers in his room.

LONDON.

At a General Meeting of the Independent Freemen of the City of Coventry, on Tueſday the 2d of March, it was unanimouſly agreed to ſend the following Inſtructions to each of their Members.

To the Right Honourable the Earl of EUSTON, *and* WILLIAM GROVE, *Eſq;*

AS it's the firſt Time this weighty Truſt of being a Repreſentative in Parliament has been repoſed in you, Mr. Grove, we take this Opportunity to congratulate you, and expreſs the great Joy and Satisfaction we receive from our happy Choice of a Perſon ſo deſerving of us and the Publick, whoſe true Patriot Zeal and Behaviour for the Honour and Service of your Country at firſt ſetting out, and faithful Diſcharge of that Truſt during this ſhort but critical Period, give us an early and ſtrong Confidence of your future good Conduct.

And tho' we entertain not the leaſt Doubt or Suſpicion of your Perſeverance at this important Juncture, when Great Britain, formerly the Envy of her Neighbours, and Arbitreſs of Europe, is, thro' the iniquitous Meaſures of a Junto of Perſons influenced and ſupported by Corruption, ſtript of her antient Power, Wealth and Glory, and betray'd, oppreſs'd, and enſlav'd, we may ſay, beyond Hopes of Redemption, ſhould not a virtuous Britiſh Parliament ſeaſonably exert herſelf for her Deliverance.

And tho' you, my Lord Euſton, by having been longer a Repreſentative in Parliament, cannot but better know the Source of theſe Grievances, and will (we hope) by your future Diſpoſition and Actions, ſhew a juſt Abhorrence of 'em, yet we your Conſtituents, as it is our undoubted Right, muſt freely declare our Sentiments, and inſiſt that you both (laying aſide all Party Diſtinctions, odious to every Well-wiſher of his Country) uſe your utmoſt Endeavours to weed out the Corrupted and their Corruptors, and carefully guard and provide againſt their pernicious Schemes, and redreſs the Injur'd, by a ſtrict Enquiry into the unhappy State of the Nation, and vigorouſly purſuing the wicked Contrivers of its preſent Calamities, till they are brought to condign Puniſhment; that others may hereafter be deterr'd from the like evil Practices, which have ſo much contributed to the Decay of Trade in general, and the Ruin of our Woollen Manufacture in particular, too ſenſibly felt in this City and throughout the whole Kingdom.

And as Septennial Parliaments are an Innovation upon and injurious to our Conſtitution, eſpecially when crouded with Placemen and Penſioners miniſterially made uſe of to carry on evil Deſigns, and for corrupt Purpoſes, we earneſtly requeſt your ſtrenuous Aſſiſtance, and hearty Concurrence, in making ſuch wholeſome Laws as may inevitably prevent thoſe Abuſes for the future.

We are, Gentlemen, whilſt you act vigorouſly for the Publick Good,

Your moſt humble Servants.

The SCREEN. *A* SIMILE.

DEAR *William*, did'ſt thou never go
To mimic Farce, call'd *Puppet Show*?
There, *William*, did'ſt thou never ſee
Of Figures great Variety?
With a big Belly comes a Fellow,
In bluſt'ring Mood, call'd *Punchinello*;
He roars and ſwaggers, bounces, ſwears,
Giving himſelf a thouſand Airs;
Knocks Puppets down, and makes a Boaſt,
That he alone will rule the Roaſt.

But when *Punch* is turn'd off the Stage
Some other Puppets come t'engage:
With other Motions, other Faces,
Act ſome new Part, to ſhew their Graces.

Alas! Dear *William*, all this while,
A Trickſter does your Senſe beguile:
Behind that SCREEN there ſtands a Wight,
Safely conceal'd from publick Sight;
He was the *Punch* at firſt you ſaw;
He gives the other Puppets Law.
And by his ſecret Strings he ſtill
Governs the others as he will;
And all the Difference that is known,
You only hear *another Tone*:
The *Puppet Man*,—behind the *Screen*,
Is the ſame Man,—although not ſeen.

It is currently reported, that as ſome Aſtronomical Gentlemen were waiting, one Night laſt Week, in Richmond Park, to behold the Comet, they perceiv'd an Hobgoblin, ſuppoſed to be Robin Goodfellow, privately ſtealing from a Thicket, with a Magick Lanthorn in his Hand; and, mounting upon a new white Staff, he fled ſwiftly through the Air towards London; where there is great Cauſe to believe he reiterated ſome of his infernal Practices. If this Rumour is true, there is great Reaſon to apprehend the innocent People, which this Demon tortures, will have no Peace till he is laid in the Red-Sea.

Wedneſday his Grace the Duke of Argyll waited on his Majeſty at St. James's, and reſign'd all his Places, in which he had lately been reinſtated.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby is appointed Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lancaſter, in the room of the late Earl, deceas'd.

The three following Sea Commanders are promoted to Flags, viz. Commodore Matthews is made Vice-Admiral of the Red; Commodore Leſtock Rear-Admiral of the White; and Sir Charles Hardy Rear Admiral of the Blue.

Thurſday the Right Hon. the Lords of the Admiralty appointed Capt. Molloye, Captain of the Mary Yatcht, to be Captain of the Royal Caroline, in the room of Sir Charles Hardy.

Dr. Peter Coats is declar'd duly elected Member of Parliament for Tamworth in Staffordſhire, in the room of John Floyer, Eſq;

The Lord Viſcount Duncannon, Son-in-Law to his Grace the Duke of Devonſhire, is elected Member of Parliament for Derby, in the room of the Lord James Cavendiſh, appointed Auditor of the Impoſts in Ireland.

On Wedneſday the Right Hon. the Earl of Stair arriv'd in Town: But we don't hear of his having any particular Command.

Tueſday her Grace the Dutcheſs of Roxburgh was ſafely deliver'd of a Daughter.

We hear that the Fortifications on the Coaſt of Ireland are order'd to be immediately put in a Poſture of

Defence, they having been of great Service to Trade in the Reigns of King William and Queen Anne, during the War with France. And

It is ſaid that it having been repreſented how advantageous it would be to build a Fort at the new Harbour on the North Coaſt of Ireland, the ſame is to be put in Execution.——This Harbour will be of great Service to England, as well as Ireland, eſpecially in Time of War, as the Ships from Liverpool, Lancaſter, and along that Coaſt, then chuſe to go through the North Channel. In the late French War the Iſlands of Rathlin, on that Coaſt, were ſeldom without a Privateer, which prov'd a great Detriment to Trade; but a Man of War ſtation'd there will, with the Advantage of the abovemention'd Fort, eaſily remedy that Evil.

Laſt Week a young Woman of Greenwich had a Verdict of 1000 l. given her in the Court of King's-Bench at Guildhall, on a Plaint againſt a Perſon for Non-performance of a Contract of Marriage. The Contract was clearly prov'd, and a fine Child, the Fruits of their mutual Endeavours, and Teſtimony of the Girl's too eaſy Credulity, produced in Court.

Laſt Week Mr. Wheeler, an eminent Apothecary at Chelſea, was married to Miſs Leonora Bingham, of Serjeant's-Inn, Fleet-ſtreet, an agreeable young Lady, with 5000 l. Fortune.

Laſt Week Iſaac Woollaſton, Eſq; Counſel at Law, a Gentleman of a large Eſtate at Loſeby in Leiceſterſhire, was married to the Relict of Pell Gatward, Eſq; an agreeable Lady, and a Fortune of upwards of 30000 l.

Yeſterday Thomas Apreece, Eſq; Son of Robert Apreece, of Waſhingley in the County of Huntingdon, Eſq; was marry'd to Miſs Dorothy Wright, youngeſt Daughter of the late Sir Nathan Wright, of Southwell in the County of Middleſex, Bart. an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 12,000 l.

Laſt Week died at Maſclugh in Brecknockſhire, the Lady Howarth, Wife of Sir Humphry Howarth, Knt. the preſent Knight of the Shire for the County of Radnor. She was Relict of Henry Williams, Eſq; eldeſt Son of Sir Edward Williams, Bart. by Elizabeth, Daughter and Coheir of Sir Henry Williams, of Guernevet, in Brecknockſhire, Bart. and Daughter of John Walbeoffe, of Lantham Lach in Com. Brecon, Eſq; whoſe Anceſtor, Sir John Walbeoffe, in the Reign of King William Rufus, was knighted under the Standard-Royal. By Lady Howarth's Death, a Rent-Charge of 600 l. falls to Sir Edward Williams, of Guernevet, Bart. who is a Minor.

A few Days ſince died the Rev. Dr. Charles La Motte, Rector of Warkton in Northamptonſhire, and Chaplain to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales.

A few Days ago died of the Small-Pox at Bawtry in Yorkſhire, the Hon. Mr. Monkton, third Son of the Right Hon. the Lord Galway.

Laſt Week died at Morden College on Blackheath, Mr. Chalton, formerly an eminent Merchant. His Death makes a ſecond Vacancy in that College.

On Saturday Night laſt died, after a tedious Indiſpoſition, at his Houſe in Saville-Row, Francis Whitworth, Eſq; Surveyor-General of all his Majeſty's Woods, as well on the North as on the South of the River Trent, and Member of Parliament for Minehead in Somerſetſhire, which Borough he repreſented in four ſucceſſive Parliaments.

Sunday Morning died Sir Richard Everard, of Eſſex, Bart. Son and Heir of the late Sir Thomas Everard, Bart. (who was Governor of North Carolina) by Suſannah, Daughter and Coheir of the late Right Rev. Dr. Kidder, Biſhop of Bath and Wells. Sir Richard dying unmarry'd the Title goes to his Brother, now Sir Hugh Everard, Bart.

Monday Morning died, of a Mortification in his Foot, at his Houſe at Whitehall, George Treby, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Clifton Dartmouth Hardreſs in Devonſhire, late one of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury.

Monday died, at his Houſe in the Hay-Market, George Arnold, Eſq; late Chief Clerk in the Secretary at War's Office, from which he lately retir'd on account of his ill State of Health.

Tueſday about Two o'Clock in the Afternoon died of a Fever, aged about 14, Miſs Pulteney, a very fine accompliſh'd young Lady, and only Daughter of the Right Hon. William Pulteney, Eſq; Knight of the Shire for the County of Middleſex, and one of his Majeſty's Moſt Honourable Privy Council.

Tueſday died, at his Houſe in Mincing-Lane, Mr. Mayhew, one of the greateſt Importers of Brandies in the whole Kingdom.

Wedneſday died, at her Houſe in Mare-Street, Hackney, Mrs. Oſbourn, a Widow Gentlewoman, reputed worth 20,000 l.

Felix Calvert, Eſq; Father and Preſident of the Royſton Club, has preſented the Rev. Mr. Angell Chauncey, their Chaplain, to the Living of Childſley in Cambridgſhire, and he has a Diſpenſation to hold it with Cotrid in Hertfordſhire, to which he was preſented by P. Foriſter, Eſq; formerly High Sheriff, and a worthy Member of the ſame Club.

The Rev. Mr. John Holcombe, Rector of Tenby in Pembrokeſhire, in made Prebendary of Brecknock, in the room of Dr. John Davies, deceas'd. And

The Rev. Mr. James Evans, of Llantorvy, ſucceeds Dr. John Davies as Prebendary of St. David's.

On Saturday 46 poor Debtors were diſcharg'd out of the Marſhalſea Priſon by the Benefaction of Mr. Andrews, late a Gentleman of Oxford, who left a conſiderable Legacy to be paid annually out of an Eſtate for that Purpoſe.

On Friday laſt a Fire broke out in the Town of Southam in the County of Warwick, which in a few Hours conſum'd near forty Houſes, together with Out-Houſes, Barns, Stables and Ricks of Corn, by which means many poor Families are reduced to the utmoſt Extremity; and as 'tis preſum'd ſeveral Perſons may be ready to relieve their Neceſſities, the proper Objects will have Certificates from the principal Inhabitants, to prevent Impoſitions.

A few Days ſince three Sailors belonging to the Jenny Tender, lying in Yarmouth Harbour, preſs'd a Sailor on Shoar, who attempted to make his Eſcape from them, but they purſu'd him into a Grocer's Shop, where one of the Preſs-Gang ſhot him into the Eye, and kill'd him on the Spot, for which he immediately fled, and is not yet taken; but the other two are in Gaol. The Mob of the Town hearing of the Affair, roſe on Sunday Morning, boarding the Tender in a tumultuous manner, and ſet eight impreſs'd Men at Liberty.

Laſt Week Richard Pilgrim, for the barbarous Murder of Mary Woodland, and her Son, (the former aged 70, and the latter 20) at Knebworth in Hertfordſhire, pleaded Guilty to both his Indictments, at the Aſſizes at Hertford.

On Saturday Margaret Lee, a notorious Cheat, was committed to Newgate by Juſtice Blencowe of Uxbridge, for defrauding Joſeph Cook, by ſelling Pewter Lace, knowing it to be ſo, for Silver Lace. She has plaid the like Trick with many of the Country Shopkeepers.

The Fox Man of War, which had been ſome time ſtation'd to Liſbon, has taken a Spaniſh Privateer of 14 Guns and 80 Men, and ſail'd with her for Gibraltar. She was fitted out at St. Sebaſtians, but had not taken any Prize.

The New Kent, Cole, from Briſtol to Virginia, is taken by a Spaniſh Privateer from Bilboa, but not yet carried into any Port.

The 15th of laſt Month the Duke of Cumberland, Moore, bound from Cork to the Weſt-Indies, was taken by a Spaniſh Privateer, call'd the Pilgrim, of 14 Guns and 150 Men, and carried into St. Sebaſtians.

The Thomas and Elizabeth, Beaty, from Briſtol to Liſbon, is alſo taken by the Spaniards and carried into the ſame Port.

Extract of a Letter from Falmouth, March 1.

'On Saturday Night a dreadful Fire broke out at 'the Houſe of Mr. George Rabbitt, and burnt three 'Houſes more. Moſt People think it was done by a 'Granado-Shell thrown from a Ship, which was ſuſ-'pected to be a Spaniard.

Extract of a Letter from an Engliſh Commander, now a Priſoner at Bilboa.

'There are ſix Sail of Privateers out of this Place; 'five of which are Ships from 14 to 20 Guns, beſides 'Swivels and Small-Arms; and one a Catch of 10 'Guns and 90 Men. There is one Ship of 18 Guns 'and 180 Men, by whom I was taken, gone out of 'this Place; her Deſign is to cruize between the 'Downs and Dunkirk, in order to cut off the Ships 'as they come out of the Downs. Her Captain is a 'Dunkirer, and has not ten of any one Nation on 'board: He is an old Privateer, and my Mate is ſuch 'a Villain to go along with him, and has been one 'Cruize with him already, and may poſſibly do a great 'deal of Damage before they are taken: She is the 'beſt equipp'd Ship of any fitted out of this Place.

Extract of a Letter from Liſbon, Feb. 24.

'Yeſterday's Mail from Oporto brings us News, 'that laſt Week ſix Merchantmen, loaded with 'Wine, Fruit, &c. for London, having ſet Sail, were 'ſcarce got a League and a half from the Bar, when 'they were attack'd by three Gallician Privateers, 'who engag'd them; they vigorouſly defended them-'ſelves for a long while; but one of the Engliſh Ships 'being taken, and the other almoſt exhauſted, retir'd 'as well as they could, and got ſafe into the Harbour. 'About the ſame time, by meer Chance, the Grampus 'Sloop ſtation'd there, happen'd to come in, and 'ſeeing the Privateers engag'd them, ſunk two, and 're-took the Engliſh Veſſel: As to the other, which 'was the biggeſt, having ſuffer'd very much in the 'firſt Engagement, made off, for fear of being ſunk 'by her own Leaks, and 'tis ſuppos'd got into ſome 'little Harbour near the Frontier.——Laſt Monday 'the Fox Man of War, Capt. Edwards, took a Spa-'niſh Privateer that was here laſt Week. The ſaid 'Privateer having ſpied an Engliſh Merchantman go 'out, would fain run after her; but the lawful time 'to run after an Enemy not being expir'd, ſhe was 'fir'd at, and oblig'd to come to an Anchor.——The 'next Day the Spaniard hoiſted up his Defiance Flag 'at the Main Top-maſt-Head, to challenge, in a man-'ner, the whole Nation: But Capt. Edwards having 'watch'd his Motions when he went to Sea, follow'd 'him, attack'd and took him, and brought him 'into St. Julian's Bay; but being inform'd that there 'would ariſe ſome Difficulty about her being made a 'good Prize, prudently carried her off, and 'tis thought 'to Gibraltar, where the Difficulty will be leſs.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, March 6. By Letters from Rear Admiral Haddock, dated at Port-Mahon the 1ſt of February, there is Advice of Commodore Leſtock with the Squadron of his Majeſty's Ships under his Command being arriv'd there; and that Mr. Haddock, having received that Reinforcement, was preparing with all poſſible Diligence to put again to Sea.

BANKRUPTS.

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Diſeaſes and Caſualties this Week.

Diſeaſes. Aged 51 Conſumption 125 Convulſion 175 Dropſy 35 Fever 113 Small-Pox 20 Teeth 35

Caſualties. Drown'd 1 Exceſſive Drinking 3 Found dead 2 Kill'd by a Fall 1 Overlaid 2 Poiſon'd by Accident 1

Chriſten'd Males 127 Females 139 In all 166
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Decreas'd in the Burials this Week 16

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